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## Jobs Agenda

**Republicans in the Senate Will Not Be Satisfied Until Every American Who Wants a Job Can Find a Job and Are Working on Solutions**

**Senate Republicans are Working on Behalf of the American People to Create More Jobs and Put More Money in their Pockets:**

- A Highway Bill to make our roads safer, strengthen our infrastructure and create jobs.
- Passed a Budget that protects America, promotes economic growth, cuts taxes and keeps the United States on track to cut the deficit in half by 2009.
- Passed Class Action Reform because we realize that when greedy personal injury lawyers push frivolous lawsuits, Americans lose jobs.
- Passed Bankruptcy Reform so that people who are responsible and pay their bills on time don't have to subsidize the irresponsible actions of a few.

**Republican Pro-Job Policies are Working:**

- 274,000 new jobs in April means nearly 3.5 million new jobs have been created in two years.
- April was the 23<sup>rd</sup> straight month we've added jobs and more Americans are working now than ever before.
- The economy has grown 14 consecutive quarters.
- Over the year ending in April, non-farm payroll employment increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia (fell in 2 states Michigan and South Carolina). (JEC, 5/20/05)

**Republicans are Focused on Solutions and Advancing Our 12-point Job Creation Agenda for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress:**

- Asbestos Reform that will save American jobs and help injured workers. Targeting help to those workers injured by asbestos and protect businesses from frivolous lawsuits.
- Soon we will be working on a comprehensive Energy Bill to lessen our dependence on foreign sources of energy and strengthen America's economy.

(Source: SRC)



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## Securing Our Nation's Energy Future

**Background: Keeping Our Economy Growing Requires An Affordable, Reliable, And Secure Supply Of Energy**

**Energy Solutions Should Reduce U.S. Dependence On Foreign Energy**

- The United States Has Become Increasingly Dependent On Foreign Energy Sources. Over the past decade, America's energy consumption has increased by more than 12 percent, yet domestic production has increased by less than 0.5 percent.
- Energy Security Is A Matter of Economic Security. When America depends on only a handful of countries for almost 60 percent of its oil, the danger of major energy disruptions grows.
- Reducing Energy Dependence Requires Conservation And Exploration. By using less energy and opening up new areas to environmentally responsible exploration, the United States can become less dependent on foreign energy sources. Developing even a tiny section of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) will reduce dependence on foreign oil by up to 1 million barrels per day.

**Four Basic Principles Guiding Comprehensive Energy Legislation**

- Use Technology To Improve Conservation And Efficiency. The average American home loses between 10 and 50 percent of its energy through inadequate insulation and inefficient lights and appliances. Extending the Energy Star program would encourage the sale and production of energy efficient products, which would increase the supply of available energy and help families meet their bottom lines.
- Increase Domestic Energy Production In Environmentally Responsible Ways. There are several ways to increase energy production without negatively affecting the environment, including opening up new areas like ANWR, implementing the President's Clean Coal Power Initiative so America can make clean use of its abundant coal supply, and expanding the nation's use of nuclear power by renewing existing law that provides power-plant operators with liability protection.
- Diversify The Nation's Energy Supply. The energy bill should make our country less vulnerable to unexpected price spikes or shifts in supply by promoting the use of renewable energy sources with tax credits, by developing alternative sources of energy like hydrogen, and by encouraging greater use of ethanol and biodiesel.
- Modernize The Domestic Energy Infrastructure. The energy bill should modernize our aging energy infrastructure to help reduce the risk of large-scale blackouts and minimize transmission bottlenecks. This can be done by repealing outdated rules that discourage investment in new infrastructure and by encouraging the development of new technologies, such as superconducting power lines, to make the grid more efficient.

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